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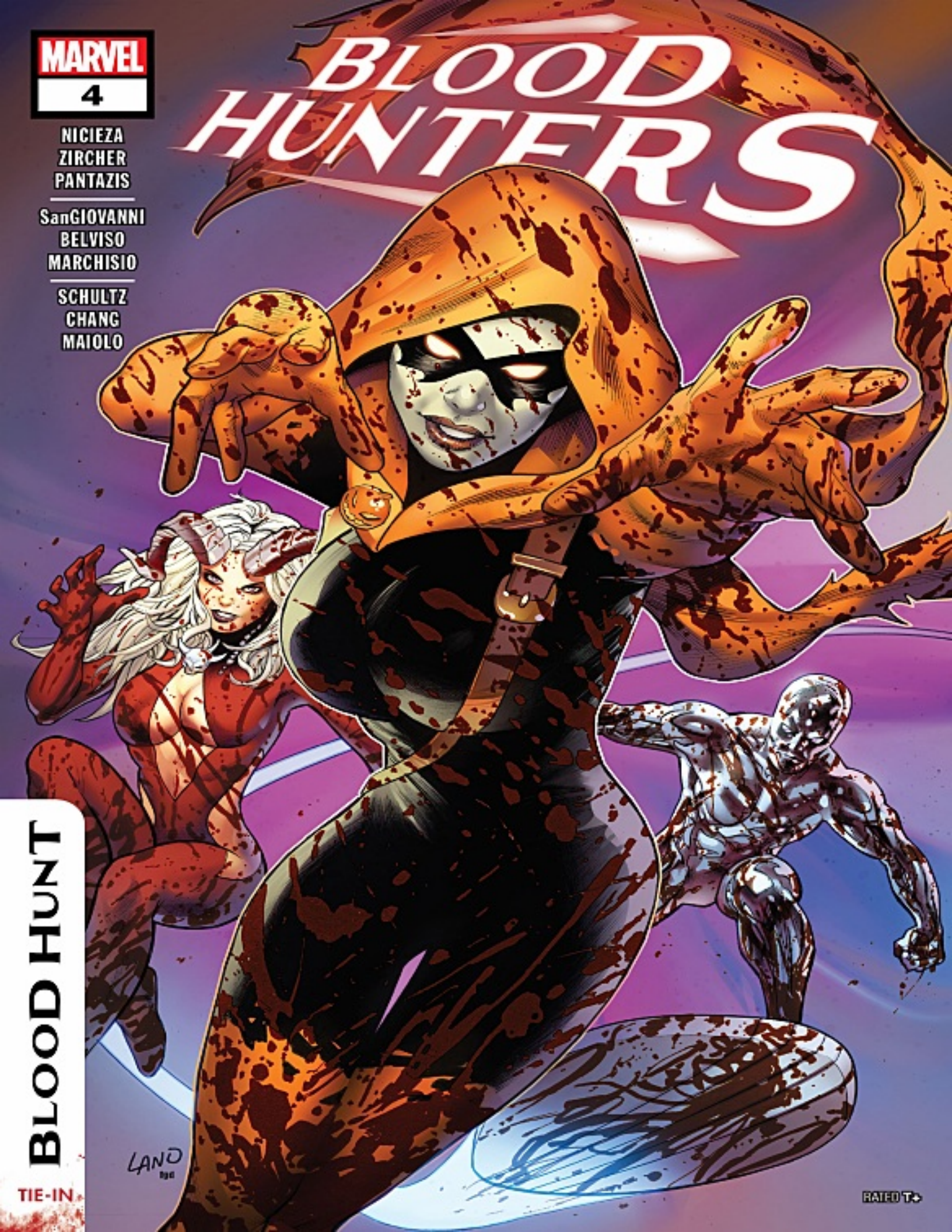
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DON PERLIN

1929 - 2024



Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.



A group of vampires known as the **STRUCTURE** engineered a simultaneous attack across the globe, using **DARKFORCE** energy to blot out the sun. Now vampires have been unleashed upon humanity, causing violent chaos. Heroes and villains alike must face down the forces of darkness or fall prey to the...

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The sole planet in
the GEMINI BINARY
STAR SYSTEM.

I SENSED A DISTURBANCE
ON THE PLANET OF
FOREVER LIGHT SIMILAR
TO THOSE HAPPENING ON
SEVERAL WORLDS.

I AM **NORRIN RADD**
OF **ZENN-LA**, FORMER
HERALD TO **GALACTUS**,
KNOWN AS THE
SILVER SURFER.

I AM A SEEKER OF **HOPE**
AND **LIGHT**, THOUGH FAR
TOO OFTEN, I AM FORCED
TO CONFRONT **DESPAIR**
AND **DARKNESS**.

THOUGH I KNOW
NOT WHY, THIS POOR
SOUL IS **TRAPPED** BY
AN **UNRAVELING** OF
THE **DARKFORCE**
DIMENSION.

CURIOUSLY, THE YDREYAN MALE IS THE CONDUIT THROUGH WHICH THE UMBRAL ENERGIES FLOW.

HELP...
ME...

ARANTHALLA
IS OUR WORLD'S
NIGHTCHASER.

HE COMES
FROM A LONG
LINEAGE TASKED WITH
BRINGING NIGHT TO
OUR PERPETUAL
DAY.

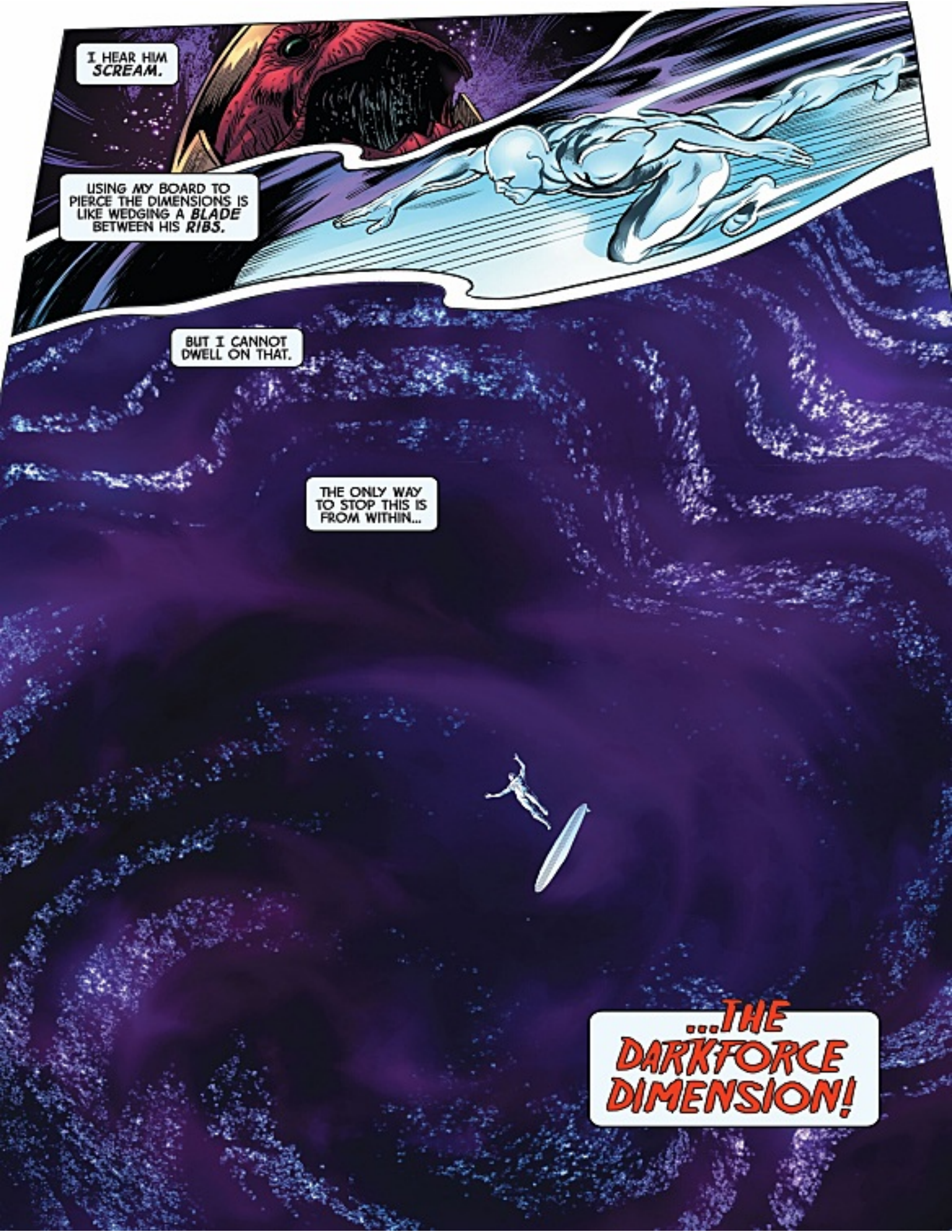
WITHOUT
HIM, OUR
CIVILIZATION WILL
DIE!

HIS ENERGIES ARE BEING
FUNNELED BACK INTO THE
DARKFORCE DIMENSION.
WHY?

I CAN SEAL THIS PORTAL WITH
MY *POWER COSMIC*, BUT WE
MUST LEARN WHY THIS IS
HAPPENING.

ARANTHALLA,
CAN YOU *EXTEND*
YOUR DARKFORCE
OUTWARD SO THAT
I MAY USE IT AS A
DIMENSIONAL
FOLD?

I...
WILL TRY...



I HEAR HIM
SCREAM.

USING MY BOARD TO
PIERCE THE DIMENSIONS IS
LIKE WEDGING A *BLADE*
BETWEEN HIS *RIBS*.

BUT I CANNOT
DWELL ON THAT.

THE ONLY WAY
TO STOP THIS IS
FROM WITHIN...

...THE
DARKFORCE
DIMENSION!



IT IS UNNERVING. HE CANNOT
BE *PULLED* THROUGH OR
PUSHED OUT WITHOUT
BEING *CLEAVED* IN HALF!

AND WORSE,
I SENSE THERE
ARE...*OTHERS*...



MY NAVIGATIONAL
SENSES TELL ME--
TO LITTLE SURPRISE--
THAT THE *NEXUS*
OF ACTIVITY...

...ALIGNS WITH
THE PLANET
EARTH!

I RECOGNIZE SOME OF
THEM. ONE IN PARTICULAR,
A VALIANT YOUNG WOMAN
WHO WENT BY THE NAME...





SILHOUETTE.

SILVER...
SURFER...? HERE...?
AND YOU--YOU
KNOW ME?

YOU WERE
AMONG THE VALIANT
YOUTHS ONCE ASSISTING
THE FANTASTIC FOUR
AGAINST TERRAX.*

*NEW WARRIORS
VOL. 1 #17, --MARTIN



NNGGG.
TRYING TO FIGHT...
THE SPELL...

IT IS
MAGIC, THEN,
DOING THIS
TO YOU?

TO...
ALL OF US...WHO
CAN ACCESS...THE
DARKFORCE...




WITH EBBING
STRENGTH, SHE TELLS
ME OF THE **THREAT**
TO EARTH--

--HOW THOSE WITH
UMBRAL CONNECTIONS
ARE BEING USED TO BRING
ETERNAL NIGHT TO
THAT WORLD--

--SO THAT
VAMPIRE
HORDES COULD
BE UNLEASHED.

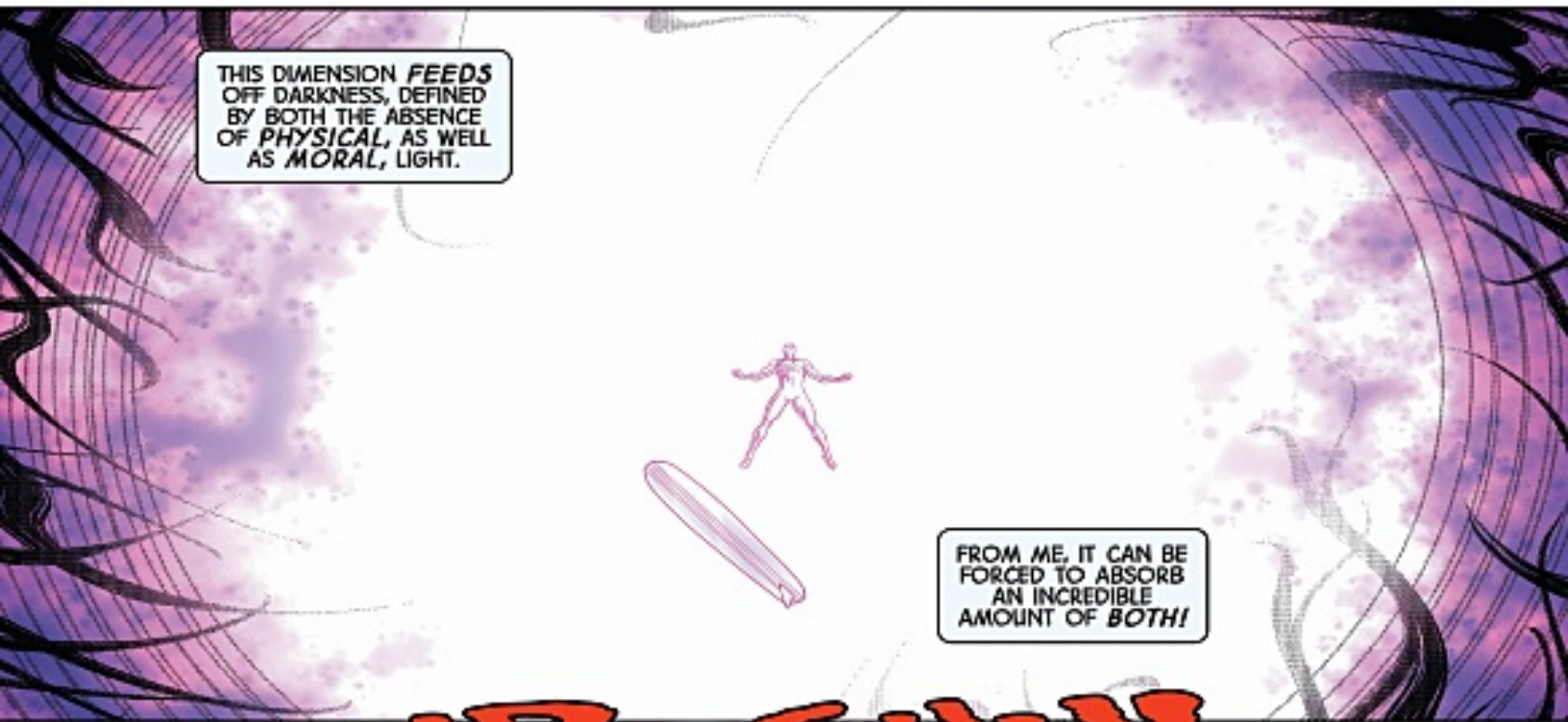


I CAN MANIPULATE THE
FUNDAMENTAL FORCES
OF THE **UNIVERSE** BUT
AM OFTEN DEFIED BY THE
SUPERNATURAL.



CASE IN
POINT.

I DID NOT
SENSE THE
IMPENDING
ATTACK.



THIS DIMENSION *FEEDS*
OFF DARKNESS, DEFINED
BY BOTH THE ABSENCE
OF PHYSICAL, AS WELL
AS MORAL, LIGHT.

FROM ME, IT CAN BE
FORCED TO ABSORB
AN INCREDIBLE
AMOUNT OF BOTH!

YEEAARRGGHH!



I IMMEDIATELY STOP.
SEVERING THE LINK
WOULD KILL THEM.

I
AM SORRY...
I CANNOT
PROCEED.



I CAN'T
SPEAK...
FOR ALL OF
THEM...

...BUT IT'S...A
SACRIFICE...

...I'M
WILLING TO
MAKE...



YOU ARE BRAVE,
CHILD. HAVE FAITH THAT
THE HEROES OF EARTH
WILL PREVAIL, AS THEY
HAVE SO MANY TIMES
BEFORE.

I MUST
LEAVE--ANOTHER
WORLD NEEDS ME.
BE STRONG,
SILHOUETTE.

ONCE AGAIN, I AM LEFT
BEWILDERED THAT FOR
ALL THE POWER I WIELD,
THERE IS STILL SO MUCH
I AM POWERLESS TO DO.



I TRUST THAT
EARTH WILL NOT
ENDURE ENDLESS
NIGHT, BUT NOW...



I MUST ATTEND TO A WORLD
THAT FACES *ENDLESS* LIGHT.

I AM TOO LATE.
ARANTHALLA IS UNDONE.



HIS SACRIFICE MUST
BE RESPECTED, HIS
CHARGES REWARDED.

IN HIS NAME,
I WILL RESTORE
ORDER TO YOUR
PLANET.

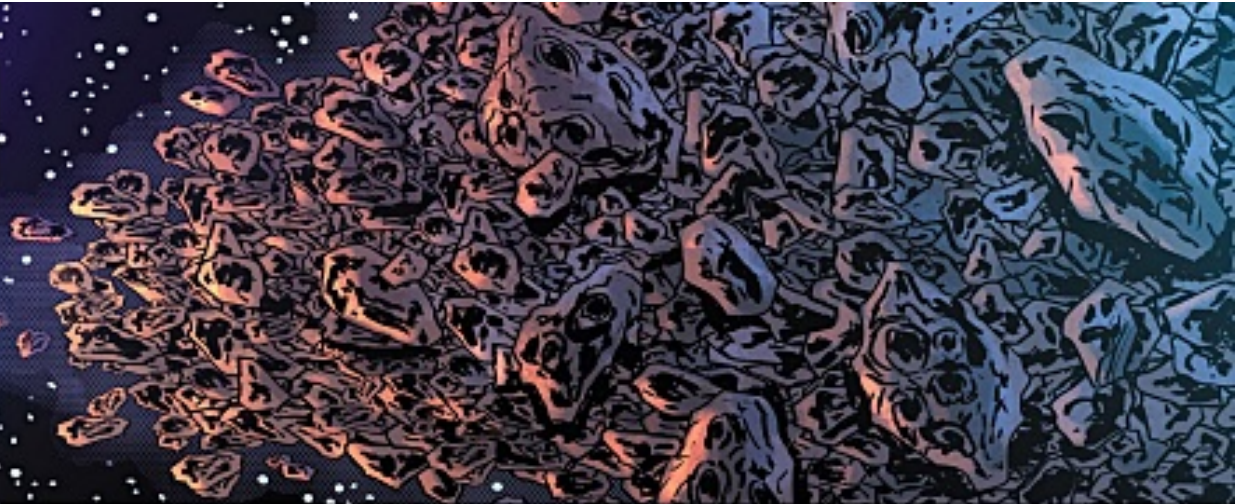


BECAUSE, LIKE THE
PLANET, THEY ARE
CAUGHT BETWEEN A
BINARY STAR--



--THE ASTEROIDS
REMAIN TRAPPED
IN A STATIONARY
ORBIT.

CRAFTED INTO A **SOLAR UMBRELLA**, THE DEBRIS WILL CAST A **SHADOW** ON HALF THE PLANET AS IT TURNS ON ITS AXIS.



DAY AND NIGHT ARE RESTORED. YDREYA IS SAVED.



ARANTHALLA WOULD BE PLEASED, BUT THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE.



THE EBON TRINITY ON PARAXIS IV.

THE FAWNING ABYSS ON JERSONA IX.

INDIGO OBSCURO ON DENTROM II.


THERE ARE DARKFORCE WIELDERS ON OTHER WORLDS IN NEED. SO, UNTIL EARTH'S HEROES FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THIS CHALLENGE...

...I WILL BRING WHAT LIGHT I CAN TO THE DARKNESS OF SPACE.



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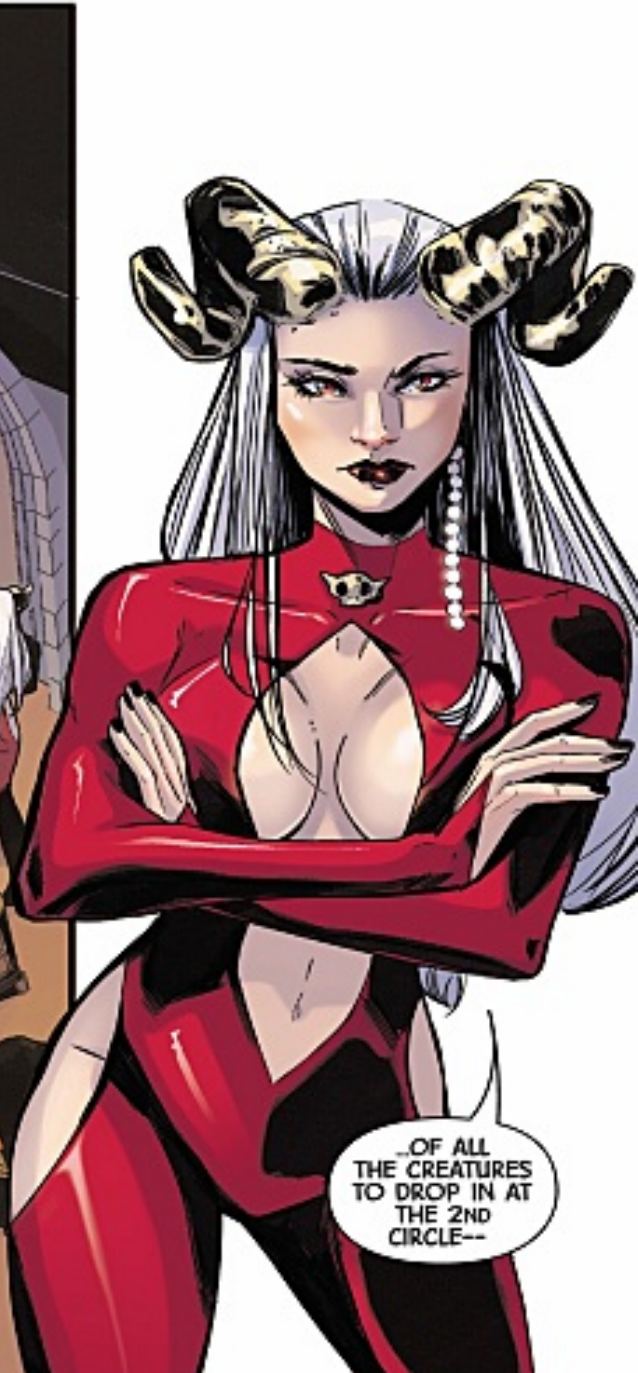




OF COURSE
HE'S BUSY. HE'S
ALWAYS BUSY
NOWADAYS.



I SWEAR,
IT'S ALWAYS
SOMETHING—
YRIDAL, CAMARILLA
OF THE N'GARAI
FAMILY! AND
NOW...

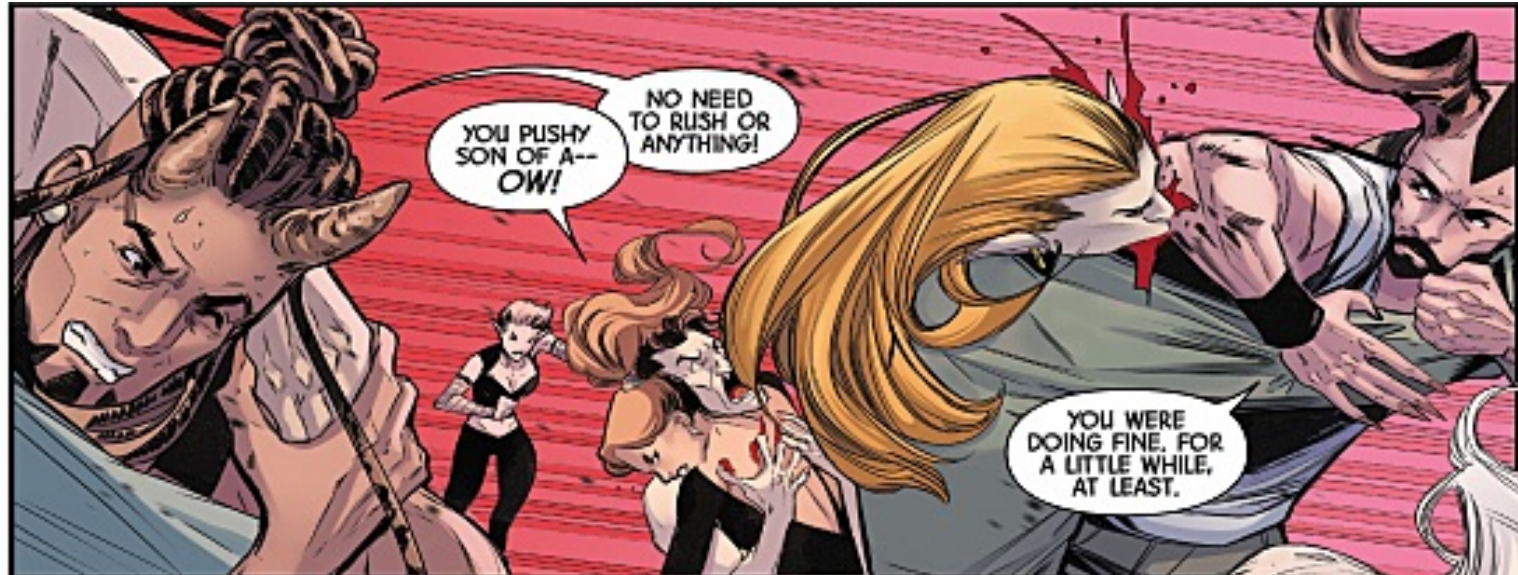


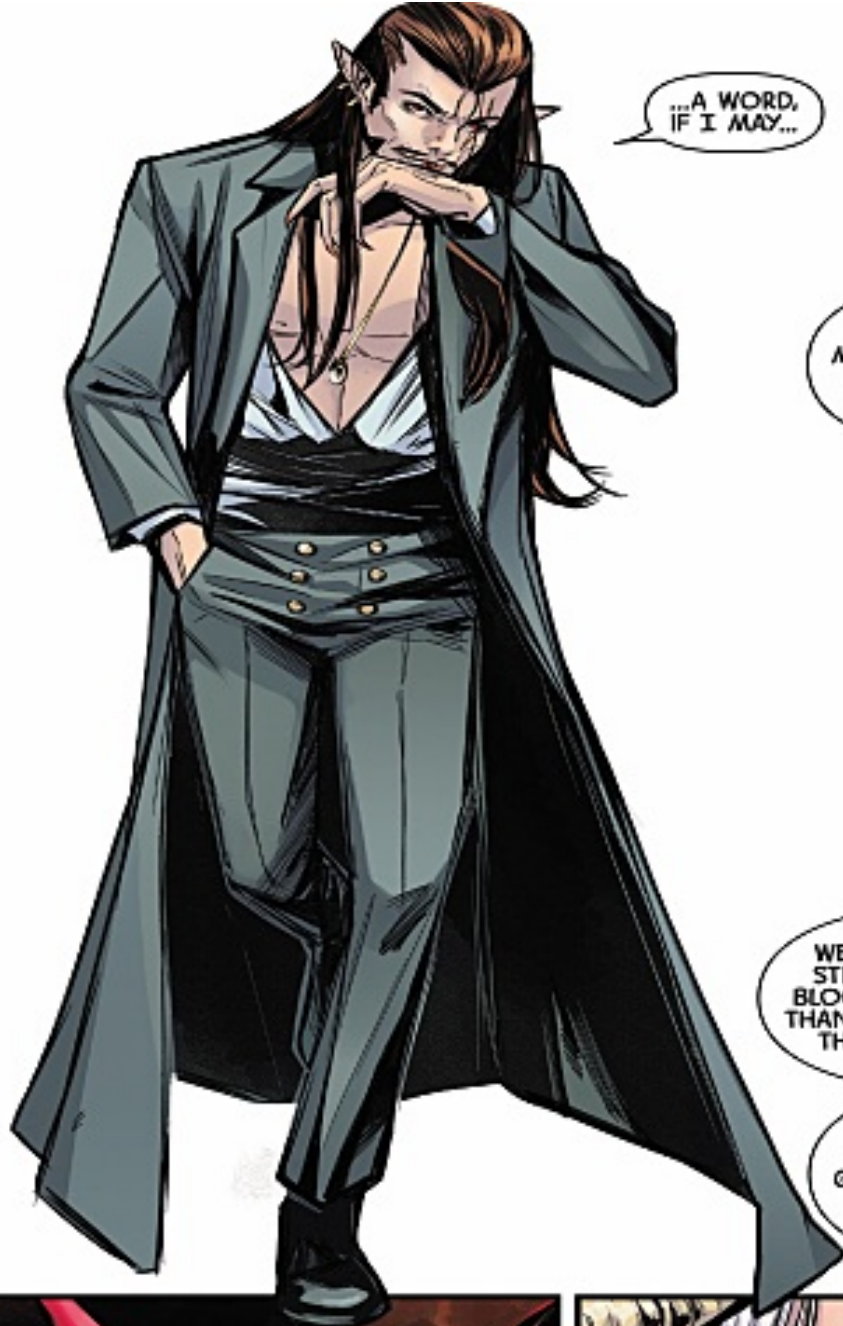
...OF ALL
THE CREATURES
TO DROP IN AT
THE 2ND
CIRCLE--



—WE'VE
GOT VAMPIRES.
A LOT OF
THEM.







...A WORD,
IF I MAY...

ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE
MYSELF. I AM BORDU.
MS. HELLSTROM--
MAY I CALL YOU
SATANA?

NO.

I REALIZE
WE'VE CAUSED A BIT OF A
STIR. WE WANTED A LITTLE
BLOOD... SOMETHING FRESHER
THAN WHAT YOU HAVE BEHIND
THE BAR. YOU SEE, WE'RE
CELEBRATING--

NOT IN MY CLUB.
I HAVE ONLY ONE RULE:
HUMANS AND NONHUMANS
GET ALONG INSIDE THESE WALLS.
NO ATTACKS, NO FIGHTS,
NO FEEDING ON PATRONS
OR STAFF.

NO
EXCEPTIONS.

THAT GOES
FOR YOU AND
YOUR LITTLE CLAN
OF LEECHES. YOU'RE
NOT WELCOME HERE
ANYMORE. GET OUT
OF MY CLUB, BEFORE
I UNLEASH ALL KINDS
OF DEMONIC--
AND BASILISK--
HELL.

WELL, I DON'T
THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND...

THE UPRISING'S
BEGUN. WE'RE NOT GOING
ANYWHERE. WE'RE CELEBRATING
OUR VICTORY.

WHAT VICTORY?
WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S *OUR* TIME. THE NIGHT--AND
EVERYTHING IN IT--BELONGS
TO US NOW.

THE WAYWARD PLACES,
THE UNDERBELLY PLACES,
THE FORGOTTEN PLACES.
THE *NIGHT* PLACES.
LIKE THIS BAR.

AND SOON...
EVERYTHING ON THIS PITIFUL
PLANET WILL FOLLOW.













YOU MIND NOT TRYING TO SHOOT ME OUT OF THE SKY?

WHO THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU?



AND WHY'RE YOU RUNNING WITH THE VAMPS WHEN YOU'RE *KIBBLE* LIKE THE REST OF US?



CALL ME HALLOWS' EVE.

AND IF YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT YET, QUEEN VICTORIA, I'M TRYING TO STAY ALIVE.

MY MASKS LET ME CHANGE FORM, SO I'M PLAYING A VAMP TO STAY OFF THE MENU.



IF YOU HAVE BEEN AMONG THE ENEMY, THEN YOU HAVE INFORMATION, YES?

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. AND I DON'T PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS.



JUST ASK THE GOBLIN QUEEN.*



BESIDES, I'M NOT REALLY A DO-GOOD--

AH CRAP.

*SEE DARK WEB (2023). --MARTIN



HEADS
ON A SWIVEL
TEAM!

ELSA, TRY
NOT TO HURT THEM.
THEY'RE INNOCENT
PEOPLE. I CAN HEAL
THEM!

THESE
DON'T LOOK
LIKE INNOCENTS,
DAGGER.

BLAM



I HOPE
THAT
HURT.

WHAM



SOME
TEAM WE
ARE...



GOTTA GET
OUTTA--
NOT
ANOTHER HERO
MASK!





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ENOUGH!

BLIMEY!

AMAZING!

HOLY CHRISTMAS!

HUH...
WOULDJA
LOOKIT
THAT?



IT'S BEEN FULL-ON, BUT NOW WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A LITTLE HOLIDAY.

NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU SHOULD'VE LED WITH THAT.

WASS WASS



THANK YOU! I...I COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING STUCK THAT WAY FOREVER.

I WAS SO AFRAID I WAS GOING TO HURT MY FAMILY... HURT SOMEONE I LOVED.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW GRATEFUL I AM.

I'M GLAD WE COULD HELP.



WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE GOOD GUYS.



I GUESS... YOU COULDN'T SAVE THEM ALL.



WELL, WE SAVED YOUR ARSE, SO--

YOU SHOULD FIND SHELTER.

DA, GO NOW!



WELL, IT WASN'T A *BIG* WIN, BUT WE DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

YEAH, FOR ONE PERSON.

SOMETIMES, ONE PERSON IS ENOUGH.





ALL RIGHT,
I'M IN
TOO.

TIME TA
CRACK SOME
SKILLS!

**"ONCE MORE INTO
THE DARKNESS" PART 4**

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